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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 September 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 3-5, 19 and 30-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 3-5, 19 and 30-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed 9/22/2005 has been placed of record in the file.
2. No claims have been amended.
3. Claims 3-5, 19, and 30-37 are now pending.
4. The applicant's arguments with respect to claims 3-5, 19, and 30-37 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. A detailed discussion is set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. Claims 3-5, 19, and 30-37 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fumarolo et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,204,844), hereinafter referred to as Fumarolo, in view of Bork et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,246,376), hereinafter referred to as Bork, as discussed in the previous action dated 6/3/2005.

Response to Arguments

6. In the remarks, the applicant has argued:

- <Argument 1>

The combination of Fumarolo and Bork does not disclose the features of claim 19 because it does not disclose “selecting a nearby device associated with one of the detected signals to communicate with based on the received GPS coordinates” as recited in claim 19.

- <Argument 2>

The combination of Fumarolo and Bork is improper because the references contradict each other.

7. In response to argument 1, the combination of Fumarolo and Bork does disclose the features of claim 19. The previous line citation to Fumarolo, column 5, line 61 through column 6, line 12, clearly shows the selection of a device to communicate with. The selection of the talkgroup in Fumarolo is a selection of a device to communicate with. For clarification, the applicant is directed to Fumarolo, column 13, line 66 through column 14, line 6, which states that talkgroups “enable the users of the selected communication units to communicate directly with each other.” In addition, it is clear that Fumarolo’s system allows for the selection of a device associated with a detected signal as the system detects the locations of nearby communication units and displays them on a map for the user. It is also clear that the selection is made based on received GPS coordinates as the selection is made from a location on the map. The previous line citation to Fumarolo, column 13, lines 32-42, states that the locations of the communication units can be received from the communication units themselves, for example when the communication units include GPS receivers.

8. In response to argument 2, it is maintained that the combination of Fumarolo and Bork is proper. Both systems allow for a map-like display at a mobile communication unit that references other nearby communication units. One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant’s invention working with Fumarolo’s system would clearly have had knowledge of Bork’s system since Bork’s system is a similar communications network that also utilizes a mobile communication unit to provide an indication of the location of a second unit.

Futhermore, Fumarolo has set forth a system that detects nearby devices and displays them on a map. Fumarolo has stated several ways in which to gather the location data to generate the map, one of which being the collection of GPS coordinates for nearby devices. Since GPS data concerning other devices can be sent to a communication unit in Fumarolo's system, one of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to use alternate methods of transferring GPS data to a communication unit such as via Bluetooth as presented by Bork. In this way it is maintained that the combination of Fumarolo and Bork is not improper as Bork's use of transmitting and detecting Bluetooth signals could be easily incorporated into Fumarolo's system and would have been clearly advantageous to Fumarolo's system as an alternate way to communicate to a mobile unit the location coordinates of other units.

Conclusion

9. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** The applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

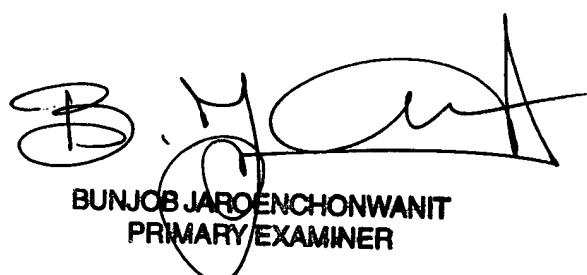
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10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Victor Lesniewski whose telephone number is 571-272-3987. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on 571-272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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